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President's Column

by Theresa Paré

The American Library Association is about to launch **@ your library**, a five year campaign to increase America's understanding of the value of libraries in the age of the Internet. The research is clear. Libraries are popular. They are unique institutions. They are a common feature in our communities and schools. But libraries often don't do a good job in letting their users and potential users know all they are and do.

ALA's **@ your library** campaign will be launched during National Library Week, April 1-7 2001. Libraries are encouraged to integrate the logo into communications wherever possible and to develop tag lines around it to tell the library story. Some of the ways it is being used by ALA include:

- It's all @ your library.
- Everything from Shaq to Shakespeare @ your library
- Czech out Prague @ your library
- The ultimate search engine is @ your library
- Sound advice @ your library
- Untangle the web @ your library

I invite NHLA members to dream up others that our association can use, as we increase support for New Hampshire's libraries. In conjunction with this national campaign, the New Hampshire Library Association is about to embark on an exciting new venture in library advocacy. A legislative luncheon is being planned to take place during National Library Week. This luncheon is our introduction as a professional organization to the members of the legislature. It's our chance to focus on a legislative agenda that includes the needs of libraries throughout the state. A committee has been established to plan and fund the event. NHLA members serving on the committee include Fran Wiggin, Dianne Hathaway, Debbie Wilcox, Lesley Gaudreau, Jennifer Bone, Jean Bruce, Deb Covell, Diana Degen, Andrea Douglas, Diane Arrato Gavrish, Christine Hague, Amy Lapointe, and Mary Ann List. We will keep you all informed of the plans as they develop.



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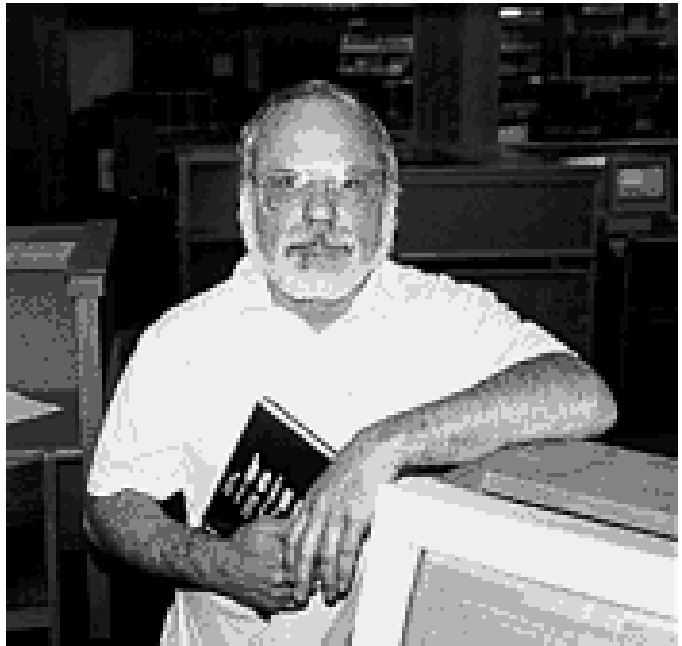
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In Memorium Dick Pantano

The New Hampshire library community was saddened to learn of the death of Dick Pantano, long-time friend and colleague, on September 8, 2000. Dick had been at New Hampshire College's Shapiro Library since 1977, most of that time as Director. Many around the state and region will remember his service to NHLA, NELA, ACRL New England Chapter and the New Hampshire State Library Advisory Council. No one will forget his sense of humor and his ability to treat everyone he met with kindness and respect.

On September 15 New Hampshire College dedicated the library art gallery as "The Richard Pantano Gallery" in Dick's honor. A large gathering of family, friends and colleagues assembled to celebrate Dick's life. As one NHC faculty member expressed it: "his genial presence, his wit, and his commitment to liberal education in its largest sense are part of the fabric of our community." We will miss him.



New Hampshire Cornerstones Project

NHLA and the New Hampshire Office of State Planning, is currently promoting the statewide "Community Cornerstones Project." This project seeks to identify and celebrate the important features of New Hampshire towns and cities that define their common heritage. In the early 1990's ten communities undertook this project and many communities were able to further protect and preserve their cornerstones as a result.

To further build on this effort the Office of State Planning and the New Hampshire State Library developed a web site that allows the public to select their community cornerstones quickly and easily. This site will be available from December 1, 2000 through February 2001. We hope your library will become involved by providing links to the web site. The web site (<http://sudoc.nhsl.lib.nh.us/cornerstones>) provides an opportunity to vote for up to ten important cornerstones in a community. A cornerstone can be physical (historic building, lake, scenic view, village center, post office, library), a cultural event (old home day, annual parade), or an institution within the community like town meeting or the historical society.

This is an exciting cooperative project for all groups involved! We hope to see all 232 public libraries working together with the Office of State Planning to make the "Community Cornerstones Project" a huge success. For more information about the project, visit NHLA's web site at <http://www.state.nh.us/nhla> or contact Dianne Hathaway, Publicity Chair at Goffstown Public Library, 497-2102 or dianneh@goffstown.lib.nh.us

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Look What's Cooking: New READS Bookmarks

This autumn, READS will help you and your patrons prepare for the food and festivities of the holiday season with a new set of bookmarks. The new READS bookmarks will feature books, magazines, and web sites dedicated to the fine art of cooking! The bookmarks will be distributed to libraries statewide via the van system.



READS Membership

Throughout the year, READS sponsors programs and activities for librarians interested in all aspects of adult services. READS always welcomes new members and encourages librarians to get involved with developing READS programs. To join READS, please contact Membership Chair Dianne Hathaway (Goffstown Public Library) at (603) 497-2102 or at dianneh@goftown.lib.nh.us. (Becoming a READS member means that you can attend READS programs at a discounted price!)



New READS Officers

The Reference and Adult Services Section (READS) is pleased to announce its slate of officers for 2000-2001. They are:

President: Val Harper, Dimond Library, University of New Hampshire, Durham. Phone: (603) 862-4713. Email: val.harper@unh.edu

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Publicity Chair: Carolyn White, University of New Hampshire at Manchester Library. Phone: (603) 629-4172. Email: Carolyn.White@unh.edu

Academics Section

After a brief hiatus, the Academics Section of the NHLA is active once again. We plan to provide special programming and a communication network for NHLA members involved with academic libraries. If you would like to join the Academics Section, or if you are interested in becoming actively involved in planning and implementing Academics events and programs, please contact Carolyn White (University of New Hampshire at Manchester) at (603) 629-4172 or by email at Carolyn.White@unh.edu.

Summer Reading Program

Debbie Ross, President-CHILIS

Summer is over and the evaluations are still coming in with positive feedback from Children's Librarians across the state. "Reading Cats & Dogs" was certainly very well received by young and old alike. Hat off to the Summer Reading Program Committee for one of the most popular themes to date. In 2001 it will be "Octopi your mind...READ" a little food for thought for next summer.

With summer behind us CHILIS members thoughts turn to fall, the promoting of the Great Stone Face books and the CHILIS Fall Conference. Look for the Great Stone Face book talks on the CHILIS website coming this October to: www.state.nh.us/nhla/chilis.htm and many thanks to the Great Stone Face



Committee for their work on selecting the books and writing the book talks.

CHILIS has teamed up with the NHSL and they funded the framing of the NHSL collection of Summer Reading Posters. They are now ready to lend to libraries. The NHSL will lend the posters for a one month period and they will travel by van. Arrangements must be made if you have no van delivery. The NHSL will do a brochure sometime in the future but if you wish to borrow them now please send Michael York

a letter letting him know when your library would like the exhibit. A press release will be available as well so take advantage of this exhibit with artwork done by NH illustrators.

One final note, the CHILIS committees are all run by CHILIS volunteers who volunteer to benefit all the membership. The rewards of volunteering are many. We are looking for a few new members for the Great Stone Face Committee and the Summer Reading Committee. To find out more information please call me at the Laconia Public Library at 524-4775 X15. You'll never know what you're missing if you don't step up to the challenge. See you all at the Fall Conference.

Planning the Legislative Luncheon

The committee formed to plan the upcoming Legislative Luncheon has met and divided into four subcommittees. The finance subcommittee is charged with contacting vendors and other assorted companies and requests donations to fund the luncheon. Fran Wiggin is chairing this subcommittee and will be assisted by Chris Hague and Jean Bruce. The logistics subcommittee, made up of Debbie Wilcox and Deb Covell, will contact the New Hampshire Historical Society and set the date, contact caterers for food selections, etc. The programming subcommittee, chaired by Lesley Gaudreau, will plan what to do with the legislators and what message to give them once we have them for an hour. The hospitality/publicity subcommittee, made up of Diane Arrato Gavrish, Andrea Douglas, Mary Ann List, Diana Degen and Dianne Hathaway will plan the invitations and response cards, giveaways, and the publicity leading up to the event. The entire committee has been charged with a tremendous amount of work in a short period of time, since the luncheon will take place during National Library Week. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please call Theresa Pare at 271-2143 or Dianne Hathaway at 497-2102.

In New Hampshire Libraries

Dunbar Free Library

This month the Dunbar Free Library in Grantham, New Hampshire is celebrating the first anniversary of the opening of its newly renovated and expanded library building. The new library, which incorporated the original library built in 1901, was dedicated in October, 1999. Since then all aspects of library usage have increased dramatically. Circulation of materials....books, videos, audio books, childrens' materials.....has increased; programs for children and attendance at these programs has expanded; demand for computer time to surf the net, check personal e-mail or create a document has become a regular part of the library's services. To satisfy residents' library needs, the library staff has increased the purchase of library materials, the number of people, volunteer and paid, who provide services, the hours the library is open from 31.5 to 34, and the number and kind of programs offered for children and their parents in the library.

Grantham's library usage is among the highest in the state. The statistic used most frequently, circulation of materials per capita, was approximately 19 in 1999. Statistics for the first half of the year 2000 demonstrate the even that number is increasing. The number of people coming into the library each day has increased, especially during the past summer as attested to by the number of people in the building, now double its size of a year ago, on any given day.

One of the unique aspects of the building program was the raising of the required funds by the Trustees of Dunbar Free Library. In less than 18 months \$281,000 was raised by the Campaign Steering Committee and the Team Captains; another \$65,000 came from the town's capital reserve fund. Construction was begun in June, 1999; by October the new building was fully occupied; by summer, 2000 very few library staff,

volunteers or users could imagine how they had ever managed with less. Both inside and out, the building, the new parking lot and the attractive landscaping provide an important community resource which the town of Grantham is very proud to call its own.

Hall Memorial Library

by Mary Ahlgren

Hall Memorial Library is now neighbor to a big hole with cement walls which is proof that the library addition is going forward. Our building committee meets bi-weekly with our architect and construction manager and still is challenged by staying on top of everything! It is an exciting, demanding process and I am glad to answer questions people have about the adventure of building an addition. Of course normal library life goes on. One new service which we provide thanks to a gift from the family of Walter A. Atherton, Sr. is an video eye... a camera and big screen tv combination which magnifies an item put under the camera, in color. The magnification is adjustable, and it is versatile, enabling vision impaired patrons to read the paper, look at photographs, do their math homework, or even check their knitting. We welcome its use by anyone in the neighborhood. One more thing is that we are looking for a part time children's librarian with enthusiasm and creativity to contribute to the move to the new children's room as well as provide regular children's services.

What's happening at your Library?

Send it to Dianne Hathaway at Goffstown Public Library
(dianneh@goftstown.lib.nh.us) for the next edition of the newsletter

Franco-Canadian Genealogy

by Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Publicity

Many librarians don't realize there are two organizations in Manchester to assist researchers in Franco-American genealogy and culture. The first is the library of the Franco-American Centre at 52 Concord Street with a collection of non-circulating research materials dealing with the history and culture of the French in North America. The focus of this library is Franco-Americans and Franco-Canadians. The library contains approximately 30,000 books as well as numerous manuscripts, scholarly journals, photographs, newspapers, microfilm, paintings and original sculpture. The mission of the Centre is to preserve the rich heritage of the French communities in North America and to promote an understanding and appreciation of their historic contributions and cultural and artistic expressions, both past and present.

The second organization is the American-Canadian Genealogical Society located at 4 Elm Street. The Society was formed in 1973 for people interested in ancestral research whose aim is to serve as a resource center for the gathering, preservation, and dissemination of American-Canadian genealogical information. Currently, many of the genealogical research owned by the Franco-American Centre is on loan to the American-Canadian Genealogical Society to make it more available to the public. The library contains over 5,000 volumes on Canadian and American genealogy as well as journals, censuses, microfilms, and other pertinent data. In addition the Society publishes a journal called the American-Canadian Genealogist, published quarterly.

Franco-American Centre Library hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. Call 625-8577, extension 125 (English) or extension 225 (French).

American-Canadian Genealogical Society Library hours: Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other days by arrangement, 622-1554.



eBook Demonstration Project Coming This Fall

The Reference and Information Services Section of the State Library will be introducing electronic reading devices (eBooks) to public libraries this fall. Workshops will be offered on the eBook. Three different handheld eBooks will be purchased. These will be made available for loan to public libraries wishing to try out this new technology. Libraries will be able to loan the eBooks to their patrons.

For more on this, a web page is available at



www.state.nh.us/nhsl/ebooks. The dates of the workshops will be publicized on the NHAIS listserv. An ebook brochure will be sent to libraries.

Travel to Scotland

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies will again offer its popular tour to Scotland, May 31-June 12, 2001. Our small group's base will be a lovely and historic 1701 manor house at Dalkeith, just a few miles outside Edinburgh. The large Dalkeith estate makes a peaceful retreat after our busy days exploring scenic and historic sites such as Melrose Abbey, Sir Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford, the beautifully preserved village of Culross, Hopetoun House and many other places. We'll also spend a few days away exploring the beautiful Highland lochs and glens, with overnights in Highland towns. The program will include visits to several important libraries and free time to explore the fascinating old city of Edinburgh. The cost will be approximately \$1675 (plus airfare), which includes accommodations, most meals, group excursions, admissions and tickets to events, ground transportation, instructional fees and gratuities. For detailed information and itinerary, visit <http://polyglot.liss.wisc.edu/slis/people/pearl/scotland.htm> or call or write to the tour leader, Jane Pearlmuter, School of Library and Information Studies, 600 N. Park St., Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-6398 (email: jpearl@slis.wisc.edu).

Dates to Remember

1. National Library Week, April 1st - 7th, 2001.
2. Annual Conference, May 15th & 16th, 2001 at the Center of NH Manchester.

Picture Perfect

Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Publicity Chair, is looking for a few good pictures for the upcoming NHLA brochure. If you have some good library, conference, or programming shots and can part with them, please send them to Dianne at the Goffstown Public Library.

NHLA Scholarship Committee

The NHLA Scholarship Committee proudly awards scholarship assistance to:

Debra Spratt works at the Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford and is a student at Syracuse University. She graduates in May 2001 and will continue her work in public libraries in New Hampshire. Debra enjoys serving young adults.

Sonya Thompson works at the Derry Public Library. Sonya, a student at Simmons College, graduates in May 2001. She is "committed to helping adults and children use the library's resources."

NHLA has awarded each of these scholars a Rosalie Norris outright grant of \$1,000 and an F. Mabel Winchell Loan of \$1,000.

The organization supports members who are pursuing graduate degrees in library and information science. For more information on these opportunities contact Mary Ann List, Scholarship Committee Chairman at the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main Street, Amherst, NH 03031, 603-673-2288 or at mllist@amherst.lib.nh.us.



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